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## To All Executive Branch Employees:

As a periodic reminder and in light the updated advisory from the State Ethics Commission, I am re-circulating a memo outlining the restrictions on political activity by state employees so that your records on this topic are up to date. Please read this memo carefully and be sure that you continue to comply with the provisions of the Conflict of Interest Law, M. G. L. c. 268A, and the Campaign Finance Law, M. G. L. c. 55, including the requirements that we do not engage in any political activity on public time, do not use any public resources for political or other personal activities, and that we do not engage in political fund raising at any time.

If you have any questions about whether and how these laws apply in a particular situation, I encourage you to contact the General Counsel or other designated lawyer in your department or agency.

Also, if you are an agency head and are aware of employees in your agency who do not have access to email, please arrange to have hard copies of the memorandum provided to them.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.